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SUBJ: POSSIBLE US- USSR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON
OCEANOGRAPHY

1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN DIRECTED, IN
COORDINATION WITH STATE, NSF, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
AGENCIES, TO ARRANGE FOR US- SOVIET TALKS TO DEVELOP
TEXT OF A POSSIBLE BILATERAL GOVERNMENT- TO- GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF OCEANOGRAPHY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE DIRECTIVE, FOUR TO SIX
MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND
INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM NSF, NAVY, AND
OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS, IS READY TO HOLD TALKS IN
MOSCOW DURING WEEK OF MAY 21 WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET
COUNTERPART.

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3. US SIDE HAS RECEIVED COPY OF SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT (IN UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION) ON COOPERATION IN " WORLD OCEAN EXPLORATION" WHICH WAS PROVIDED MR. KISSINGER. WHEN US SIDE HAS FINISHED STUDYING SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT, UE WILL FORWARD COMMENTS AND/ OR REVISED TEXT FOR DELIVERY TO SOVIET COUNTERPART, PROBABLY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOREGOING TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND FIND OUT WHETHER SOVIETS CAN RECEIVE DELEGATION DURING WEEK OF MAY 21. IF SOVIET REPLY IS POSITIVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING ISSUANCE OF VISAS. TEAM WOULD DEPART US MAY 18. (WE WILL FORWARD NAMES OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS SOONEST.) EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO FIND OUT WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION ON SOVIET SIDE WILL HANDLE NEGOTIATIONS. ROGERS

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